



All Saints CE First School Emergency Closure Policy

All Saints First School operates normally wherever feasible and will only resort to closure or early closure in exceptional circumstances.

In the event of adverse weather, consideration should be given to:

- State of pathways, steps and slopes around the school
- Condition of roads and pathways in the local area
- If the school's heating, lighting and water is working correctly
- Whether catering can be provided
- Availability of public transport and school coaches
- Weather forecast

If it is necessary to close a school due to adverse weather conditions or any other unforeseen circumstance, the Headteacher will make a decision, normally in liaison with their Chair of Governors, as soon as possible. The Headteacher may wish to refer to Staffordshire County Council's Inclement Weather and Related Emergencies policy. Every effort will be made to inform staff, parents and the Local Authority at the earliest opportunity.

Where the decision is taken to close the school part way through the day, parents will be informed via the school text message service. Every effort should be made to accommodate children who cannot return home before the end of the school day.

The school text message service will be used to communicate information at the earliest possible opportunity to staff and parents and parents are advised to check their phones regularly during periods of adverse weather. The Headteacher will use the County Council website to inform the Local Authority.

Parents are also encouraged to check on Staffordshire County Council website for School Closures List.

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergency_closures/schoolclosurelist.aspx

Parents must inform the school should they wish their child(ren) to be collected by another parent or family member if this is not the usual collection person at their earliest convenience. Parents must also inform the school if they are delayed in collecting their child(ren) when the school has been forced to close early as soon as possible.